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AMENDMENT

**BOX: Non-Fee Amendment**  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, rejecting claims 26-35. Please amend the above-captioned U.S. Patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claims 26, 27, 32, 33 and 35 as follows:

26. (amended) A composition suitable for use in etching an insulative layer formed over a substrate in a semiconductor device, said composition comprising:

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a gaseous mixture consisting essentially of at least one fluorocarbon and ammonia.